

REMARKS

The drawings and specification have been amended to be consistent with the parent application. Original claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice in favor of presenting claims 21-45 for your consideration.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

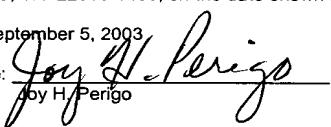
Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10990474-3, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: September 5, 2003

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